applies to projects displacing 500 families or more en masse in plain areas or 250 families or more in hilly areas, Desert Development Programme (DDP) Blocks and areas mentioned in Schedule V and VI of the Constitution of India. Where any displacement of tribals is likely due to a project relating to irrigation or flood control, the project authorities are required to seek prior clearance of their resettlement & rehabilitation plan for the scheduled Tribe Project Affected Families from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Study report on the Medora community of Andhra Pradesh for Tribal Status

2090. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study report/response has been received by Government from the Anthropological Survey of India on the Medora Communities of Andhra Pradesh who have sought tribal Status;

(b) whether Government have been requested to forward this report to Andhra Pradesh Government;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to obtain opinion or view from the Andhra Pradesh Government; and

(d) the steps proposed to streamline such matter?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) No, Sir. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has not received any report from the Anthropological Survey of India on the Medora Communities of Andhra Pradesh. However, the Anthropological Survey of India has furnished a write-up on the Medora Community of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Displacement of tribals

2091. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total tribals that have been displaced by industries, mining and other Government and other establishments in Jharkhand;

(b) the relief and rehabilitation offered to them so far alongwith the number of those that have still not received any compensation so far;

(c) by when they will get it; and

(d) the details of last ten years thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (d) The details of people including tribals, displaced by various industries, mining projects and other Government establishments, are maintained by the respective State Governments. The National Policy on Resettlement & Rehabilitation of Project Affected Families-2003 NPRR-2003) prescribes minimum benefits for resettlement and rehabilitation (R&R) of Project Affected Families including Scheduled Tribes, which are required to be followed by the State Governments States, where the resettlement and rehabilitation package is higher than in the aforesaid policy, are free to follow their own package. Para 5.18(J) of the NPRR-2003 envisages specification of a time schedule in every R&R Plan, for shifting and resettling the displaced families in the resettlement zone. Information on the total number of tribals displaced is being sought from the State Governments.

Handicrafts by tribals in Rajasthan

2092. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to promote the making and selling of handicrafts made by tribals in Rajasthan; and

(b) whether Government plan to buy these handicrafts directly from the tribals and sell them in the open market?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED), a Multi State Cooperative Society, is engaged in marketing of tribal products, including tribal handicrafts. TRIFED also organizes tribal artisan melas for sourcing of handicrafts directly from artisans for further sale through various outlets of TRIBES India. Tribal artisans display tribal arts and crafts during such melas. One such mela was held at Udaipur on 05.07.2005 in which more than 90 tribal artisans had participated. TRIFED also